ESF NEWS

ESF alumni returned to campus for Alumni and Family Fall BBQ Weekend Oct. 12-14. Class of 2005 alumni, including Laura Crandall, director of student involvement and leadership (third from left), pose in front of the Gateway Center. Photo by Coreynne Henry

ESF Continues to Lead in World of Green Colleges

ESF is ranked No. 2 in the 2018 Top 50 Green Schools list put out by the Princeton Review.

The list is part of the Princeton Review's “Guide to 399 Green Colleges” which profiles colleges that have been identified by the education services company as having the most exceptional commitments to sustainability out of several hundred institutions. The schools were selected based on their academic offerings, campus policies, initiatives, activities and career preparation for students.

Princeton Review said the schools on the Top 50 Green Colleges list “share superb sustainability practices, a strong foundation in sustainability education, and a healthy dose of enthusiasm.”
ESF is also a “featured” college on the Princeton Review website, which provides readers with additional information and photos of the college.

“We are pleased that the Princeton Review acknowledges our sustainability efforts, but we recognize that there is still much work to be done. We strive to continually improve our operations as sustainability is a never-ending process,” said Mark Lichtenstein, ESF chief of staff and chief sustainability officer.

Lichtenstein thanked ESF faculty, staff and students for their combined efforts, in particular members of the ESF Sustainability Committee. And he thanked the College’s Office of Sustainability, saying, “This team includes staff, and undergraduate and graduate students. They deserve all the credit for this. I’m so honored to be working with such a dedicated group of people, especially our students, who expect nothing less than perfection when it comes to sustainability.”

Read the complete ranking HERE.

Branding Study Defines the ESF Story

The ESF branding study, undertaken in partnership with The Thorburn Group, is moving into its second phase. After conducting extensive research to gather a wide range of input about ESF and what sets the College apart from its competitors, Thorburn has provided a Brand Foundation Deck that establishes a basis for telling our shared story.

The information is available on the ESF website for the community to review. You can find it by signing in at the Faculty and Staff Gateway. Look for the section headed “ESF Branding Study.” Please take a few minutes to look through this inspiring document. You’ll also find links to the campus messages that Erin B. Craig, associate provost for enrollment and marketing, has shared with campus regarding this project.

The next step in Thorburn’s work is a broad communications audit. An array of material will be analyzed for its consistency and adherence to our shared story. The result will be a Communications Map that outlines how to maintain a consistent messaging strategy.

Further information will be shared as it becomes available.

ESF’s Barron Wins 2018 USCAA Golf National Championship

Mighty Oaks golfer Sean Barron won the individual champion title at the 2018 United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) Golf National Championship at the Penn State Blue Golf Course.

Barron, a senior construction management major from Baldwinsville, New York, set a USCAA tournament record, finishing seven under par with a final score of 137 (68, 69). He edged the second-place finisher, Colton Kuppler from St. Mary of the Woods College, by one stroke. Barron, who finished third overall at the championship in 2017, was also named a USCAA All-American.

Read the complete ESF story HERE.

Mighty Oaks Welcome New Basketball Coach

John D’Antonio was named the second head coach in the history of the ESF’s men’s basketball program.

For the last five years, D’Antonio coached varsity basketball at Groton High School. While at Groton, he helped build the
Lathrop: First Woman in ESF XC History to Win Individual Title

The ESF women's cross-country team finished third overall among 11 teams at the Houghton Highlander Invitational.

Senior Marissa Lathrop added a first-place finish to her long list of accomplishments as an ESF athlete - she became the first woman in ESF cross-country history to win an individual title. Lathrop ran a 24:30 in the 6K course, placing ahead of several SUNY Geneseo runners who had finished ahead of Lathrop the previous weekend at the Geneseo Invitational.

Sophomores Julie Romano (6th - 25:15) and Eric Cocca (12th - 25:45) also finished in the top 15. There were 108 runners in the race.

Science Behind the Fall Colors Explained

Popular Mechanics asked Dr. Don Leopold, chair of the Department of Environmental and Forest Biology, to explain the different colors of in fall leaves. His response appears in the November issue of the magazine.
Dale Travis Lecture is Tonight

Dr. Timothy Volk, Department of Forest and Natural Resources, will present the Dale Travis Lecture. His topic is, "Shrub Willow: RX for a Healthier Planet." Admission to the lecture and reception afterwards is free. Parking will be available on campus.

Oct. 17, 2018
7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Gateway Center

Wear Purple, Raise Awareness

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the campus community is encouraged to wear purple Oct. 18 to raise awareness for Domestic Violence. Information about resources will be available in Gateway and there will be a photo opportunity for all those wearing purple at 11:30 a.m.

Oct. 18, 2018
11 a.m. to noon
Gateway Center

Celebrate the Season at Fall Fest

Come enjoy the colors of autumn along with food and drinks at Fall Fest. Games, crafts and other activities will be available. Campus clubs will be tabling for interested students to learn more about the opportunities offered. LYM/PYP. Sponsored by USA.

Oct. 23, 2018
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
The Quad (Rain location: Gateway Center)
syracuse.com: Fantastic Fall in CNY for Wild, Edible Mushrooms

Dr. Alex Weir, Department of Environmental and Forest Biology, explains why this fall has been so good for the wild, edible mushroom crop.

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Going Green: Rain Garden Created at Green Lakes State Park

Terry Ettinger, ESF greenhouse manager and host of Going Green, explains how new rain garden is being used to restore native species.

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